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SUBJECT: THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MONUC EFFORTS TO COMBAT

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

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- 11. (U) There have been no reported incidents of sexual exploitation or abuse by MONUC peacekeepers in the DRC within the last six months. MONUC has provided extensive training on Trafficking in Persons (TIP) and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) issues to its civilian and military staff and has implemented a zero tolerance policy against the use of prostitutes and any other sexually exploitative or abusive behavior (ref B). According to a Conduct and Discipline Team officer, MONUC's training and welfare activities continue to address the issues of TIP and SEA.
- $\P 2$. (U) During the past six months, there have be no press reports of incidents of TIP or SEA by MONUC peacekeepers and no complaints registered with any of the more than one dozen NGOs which follow the issue.